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OF THE

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COnſidering the late Declaration from your Excellency and General Councel, ſhewing the Grounds and Reaſons for the Diſſolution of the late Parliament, who

were choſen by the People for the Common good, and to procure the Wel-being of thoſe by whom they were intruſted, to remove Oppreſsion, and Arbitrary Power, and all Obſtacles to the Peace and Freedom of theſe Nations, whoſe Intereſts they ought to have preferred before their own particular: and yet after ſo long expectation of ſome fruit of what they have formerly Remonſtrated and Declared unto the People, and ſo many years continuance, falling ſhort of that good they might have done, they ſhould ſtill ſo ſtrangely (to the breach of thoſe Gentlemens Engagement to your Lordſhip and your Councel, mentioned in your late Declaration) endeavour to perpetuate themſelves, and thereby ſtill to enſlave the Nation, who cannot but bleſs the good Hand of GOD in ſtirring up your Hearts to bear witneſs againſt thoſe evils and corruptions amongſt them, which too manifeſtly abounded, and are clearly evident, to the ſadning of the hearts of good men; and eſteem it a wonderful

Providence

Providence that directed you to ſo neceſſary and acceptable a Work. We truſt that the LORD who hath not only led you through many Difficulties from time to time, even to this preſent Undertaking, but herein given you Wiſdom and Courage once again to put forth your ſelves in the Great Work of the LORD and his People in reviving thoſe Rights and Priviledges that have been ſo long ſtifled; whereby the hearts of thouſands are refreſht, as it appears by the good reſentment that is had everywhere of it: and we are aſſured and confident that the LORD will lead you by the Right hand of Love, and make you walk in eaven paths, teach you Wiſdom and Righteouſneſs, and enable you ſo to manage thoſe weighty Affairs (which he hath now ſo ſeaſonably called you unto) as that the hands of all good People may be ſtrengthened by you, and an happy Reformation produced in a greater meaſure and ſhorter time, then was ever like to have been by the perpetual ſitting of thoſe

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men whom the Lord hath been pleaſed to lay aſide. And herein we ſhall not only pray for you, and rejoyce to ſee thoſe things brought forth by you, waiting upon the Lord, and ſtudying Righteouſneſs and Peace; but ſhall alſo, as far as the Lord ſhall enable us, with our Hearts and Hands, and all our might, be ready to joyn with you, and to own you in the further proſecution of this Great Work, with which we hope neither our Lives, nor any external Comfort ſhall come in competition.

And we doubt not but all honeſt hearts in theſe Nations (as in the ARMY) which have not bowed their knees to *Baal* will (to a man) ſecond you in making good every ſyllable of what hath been formerly declared. And at length we hope the LORD will ſettle the Nations in Peace, and in the mean while raiſe up your Spirits to tread upon and ſcorn thoſe vile things which have polluted the hands and hearts of many that have gone before you, and to act to the praiſe of his great Name, and the comfort

fort and exceeding refreſhment of all his People through the World.

We ſhall not ſay much more at preſent, but deſire that you may go forth in the ſtrength of our GOD; then ſhall the Work of the LORD proſper in your hands, and thoſe mighty Lyons which have lain in the way of a Pure and Righteous Reformation, be removed. And we truſt our Vows and Promiſes ſhall be no more forgotten, nor ſhall we be led back again to ſtoop to any *Egyptian* yoke of Bondage, either in Spiritual or Temporal Kingly Power.

Signed in the Name, and by the Appointment of the Commander in Chief, and the General-Councel of Officers of the Forces in Scotland,

Dalkeith 5. May 1653. *William Clark*, Secret.

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